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ABSTRACT

A wound closure device includes outer and inner members. The inner member is configured for receipt of a suture passer and is pivotably coupled to the outer member. The inner member is pivotable relative to the outer member between a first position, wherein the inner member is coaxially disposed relative to the outer member, a second position, wherein the distal end of the inner member extends outwardly from the outer member in a first direction and the proximal end of the inner member extends outwardly from the outer member in a second, opposite direction, and a third position, wherein the distal end of the inner member extends outwardly from the outer member in the second direction and the proximal end of the inner member extends outwardly from the outer member in the first direction.

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